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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.**

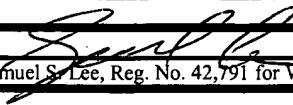
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/769,968
<i>Filing Date</i>	01/26/2001
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2173
<i>Examiner Name</i>	BONSHOCK, Dennis G.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	450100-02952

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

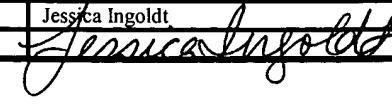
1.	Submission required under CFR 1.114.
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on April 14, 2005 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</li> <li>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>
2.	Miscellaneous
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(I) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3.	<b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.50-0320.
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$790.00</u> is enclosed for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$790.00 for RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> \$00.00 for Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17): This is a petition to request a      month extension of time.</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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